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THE FLAG*

and Prospect Hill. A harbour was made at the mouth of the Mont rose River, and another a Unicorn Bay, the latter connected with Deliverance Bay by a good carriage road.

Three years after New Switzerland had been taken possession of by England her population exceeded two thousand* The British government had left the colony her autonomy, and M. Zermatt was elected to the position of Governor of New Switzerland* Heaven grant that his successors may be as good as that excellent and worthy man !

A detachment of troops from India garrisoned the island after fortifications had been constructed at Cape East and Cape Deliverance .^formerly known as False Hope Point), so as to command the arm of the sea which gave access to Deliverance Bay.

Of course, this had nothing to do with any fear of savages, neither those of the Andamans and NicobarSj nor those of the Australian coast. But New Switzerland's position in these waters, besides offering excellent anchorage for ships, was of real importance from a strategic point of view at the entrance to the Sunda Seas and the Indian Ocean.

It was only proper, therefore, that it
should be
provided with means of defence*

Such is the complete history of this
island from
the day when a storm cast a father,
mother and
four chxUkjen upon it. For twelve years
that brave